



# Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council<sup>1</sup> Update

**District: Mid Coast**

**Date: September 17, 2009**

**Brief review of decisions and outcomes from DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting (agenda attached):** On September 14, the Mid Coast DCC met in Rockland. The agenda included:

- Updates of DCC and DCC member activities- Transportation Task Force, Medication Collection projects, Pen Bay Island Network Initiative, Resource Table, EMA Special Populations Training, Spectrum Generations Trainings, etc.
- Presentation and discussion in break out groups about development of strategies and interventions for Midcoast Public Health Improvement Plan (DPHIP)
- Presentation by Coastal Transportation Mobility Management Program
- Introduced new structure of future DCC meetings- updates, network time, DPHIP work teams, and organizational presentations.

**Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:**

- DCC Steering Committee, DCC members and other district partners will continue to work on District Health Improvement Plan to be finalized at next DCC meeting- Nov. 9. Over the next month, a survey will be conducted to get additional feedback from DCC members and other partners. A conference call with county EMAs will be held to finalize the strategy pertaining to public health emergency preparedness. Jen will meet with Maine Primary Care Association and Midcoast FQHCs and SBHCs to discuss the strategy related to access to primary care.
- Midcoast Transportation Task Force continues to enhance and support current transportation systems in order to improve access for our communities. Specifically the Task Force has worked with Coastal Trans to finalize their Ride Finder, explore and support application for funding (MeHAF and HRSA), and to develop transportation tool kits for providers.
- Continue to link with Midcoast Islands through the Pen Bay Health Island Network Initiative.
- Work group exploring options for framework of DCC membership directory.

**Status of Local Public Health System Assessment:**

- Incorporating findings and priorities into District Health Improvement Plan.

**Organizations represented in DCC (Full and Associate Members):**

Southern Maine Regional Resource Center
Lincoln County Health Care Inc./Miles Memorial
Waldo County EMA
Sheepscott Valley Health Center/Healthreach
Maine Cooperative Extension
Sagadahoc Board of Health
Lincoln County EMA
ACCESS Health
SAD 40
SAD #75
Retired Physician
Family Planning
Broadreach
Seacoast Mission



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Town of Rockport	
Central Lincoln County Ambulance Service	
Town of Waldoboro	
Knox County Community Health Coalition	
Boothbay Public Health Nursing	
Knox County Commissioner/ Penquis CAP	
MaineHealth/ Poison Control Center	
Midcoast Maine Community Action	
Healthy Lincoln County	
Waldo CAP	
United Way- Bath	
Northern Maine Regional Resource Center	
Methodist Conference Home/Coastal Trans	
Spectrum Generations	
Mid Coast Hospital	
Youth Promise	
Island Community Medical Services	
Sagadahoc EMA	
Rockland Congregational Church Parish Nurse	
Maine DHHS/ CDC	
Rockland District Nursing	
Knox County EMA	
YMCA	
Maine Primary Care Association	
Healthy Waldo County	
Penobscot Bay Health Care	
SAD #5	
<b>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Midcoast Transportation Task Force</li> <li>○ Medication collection support</li> <li>○ Grants- Lead and Colorectal</li> <li>○ Seasonal flu vaccine planning</li> <li>○ Pen Bay Health Island Initiative</li> </ul>	
<b>Issues or topics to be addressed by SCC:</b> Mid Coast DCC would appreciate more specifics from SCC concerning vision and functioning of DCCs. How will the resources match the priority work? How can the district leverage additional resources for implementation of DPHIP?	

**Category: Access to Healthcare and Health-related Services**

**Essential Public Health Services: 7**

**Population Health Indicators Impacts: All**

**(NEW)Strategy:** Increase access to primary health care.

- **Interventions:**
  - Convene work team to include but not limited to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), rural health clinics, school based school clinics (SBHC) and family planning clinics to discuss barriers to care and ways to promote clinics and services targeting uninsured and underinsured.
  - Work with partners to promote clinics.
  - Convene informational sessions for partners interested in FQHCs and SBHCs (example mainland Knox County).
  - Promote public health nursing services.

**(Continuing) Strategy:** Increase access to health care related services to disparate populations including but not limited to fishing population, 18-24 year olds, homeless, and people leaving jail.

- **Interventions:**
  - Develop toolkit with educational/marketing materials to promote 211 Maine, Keep Me Well and other district resources.
  - Identify specific locations and partners for dissemination and distribute. (example- general assistance, fishing community newsletter, etc.)

**(Continuing)Strategy:** Support access to seasonal influenza vaccine.

- **Interventions:**
  - Support school based influenza clinics
  - Support community based seasonal influenza vaccine clinics
  - Promote seasonal influenza vaccination.

**(Continuing) Strategy:** Increase use of public transportation services to access health care and health-related services

- **Intervention:**
  - Identify transportation services and resources in the Midcoast that will increase access to medical care and services.
  - Work with DCC members & transportation providers to identify opportunities for educating public on transportation resources
  - Identify funding opportunities, inform providers, & support applications.
  - Monitor needs of the community and service providers.
  - Identify transportation challenges for disparate population and facilitate problem solving with transportation providers.
  - Enhance communication among transportation providers and the local public health system.

**Category: District Infrastructure**  
**Essential Public Health Services: 2, 5**  
**Population Health Indicators Impacts: None**

**(New) Strategy:** Strengthen Midcoast District partnerships and communication

- **Interventions:**
  - Develop a Midcoast District DCC Membership Directory
  - Identify and fill gaps in membership in Midcoast DCC
  - Create a Midcoast District communication plan
  - Participate in Pen Bay Island Network Initiative
  - Invite partnering agencies to present at DCC meetings

**(New) Strategy:** Strengthen public health emergency preparedness and response

- **Interventions:**
  - Develop Medical Reserve Corps teams
  - Recruit people for Maine Responds
  - Evaluate public health emergency plans
  - Participate in table top drills

**(New) Strategy:** Coordinate a district wide activity/event.

- **Ideas:**
  - Medication Collection
  - Unnatural Causes Showing

**Category: Mental Health Integration**  
**Essential Public Health Services: 5**  
**Population Health Indicators Impacts: Mental health days & frequent mental distress days**

**(New) Strategy:** Strengthen integration among public health, mental health and community partners

- **Interventions:**
  - Use United Way of Midcoast Maine’s “Mental Health Services in Midcoast Maine” report to identify ways to improve integration of mental health services.
  - Host 1 district forum each year that convenes people involved in mental health services to discuss available services and areas for collaboration.

Midcoast District Public Health Improvement Plan  
Timeline  
09/16/10

History

- Prioritized Essential Public Health Services based on results of Local Public Health Assessment
- Drafted version 1 DPHIP strategies and interventions.
- Reviewed version 1 DPHIP with Midcoast Steering Committee
- Drafted version 2 DPHIP
- Met with advisory boards for Healthy Waldo County, Knox County Community Health Coalition, ACCESS Health, and Sagadahoc Board of Health to review draft DPHIP and get feedback.
- Drafted version 3 DPHIP.
- Presented and discussed DPHIP at Midcoast DCC meeting on September 14.

Continuing Plans

- Will presented to Healthy Lincoln County Board and board of United Way of Midcoast Maine.
- Convening county EMA directors via conference call to discuss strategies related to public health emergency preparedness.
- Meeting with FQHCs and Maine Primary Care to feedback on strategies related to access to care.
- Final survey out to DCC and other district partners for feedback.
- Draft another version with strategies, interventions and measures in a Logic Model format.
- Present to Midcoast Steering Committee.
- Vote on plan at Nov.9 DCC meeting.

